THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It has been reported by Government Rajindra Hospital that in all the cases mentioned in the news item, infection was acquired by the patients out-side the hospital before their admission in the hospital.

(c) To check the spread of infection and other diseases in Government hospitals and dispensaries, adequate steps are taken to ensure general cleanliness and requisite standards of environmental sanitation. To ensure removal of environmental sources of contain ination, appropriate measures of sterilisation and disinfection such as laminar flow ventilation and provision of air curtains in strategic points like I.C.Vs and CCUS are adopted. In addition, strict measures of aspesis during all invasive procedures *viz.*, use of gowns, masks, head overs, gloves, disposable items, restriction of traffic in OT/ high risk area are adopted alongwith chemical sterilisation and autoclaving of instruments.

Many Government hospitals also have a hospital Infection Control Committee to monitor the incidences and prevalances of infection and to advise Hospital authorities on the Hospital infection problem.

Economic Viability of Passenger Traffic

4263. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH HOODA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have conducted any indepth study by experts to ascertain the factors responsible for incurring financial losses on account of passenger traffic;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the measures being taken in this regard, and

(c) the names of the top ten revenue earning superfast passenger trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) does not arise.

(c) Train-wise revenue earnings are not maintained.

[*Translation*]

Stoppage of Delhi Bombay AC Express at Kota

4264. SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to provide stoppage of Delhi-Bombay AC Express at Kota in view of its industrial importance;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) 2951/2952 New Delhi-Bombay Rajdhani Express is already stopping at Kota.

[*English*]

Centrally Sponsored Immunisation Programme in Rajasthan

4265. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the districts in Rajasthan where Centrally sponsored immunisation programme is in force;

(b) whether the Government have introduce expanded immunisation programme in some other districts in that State:

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which all the districts of that State are likely to be brought under Universal Immunisation Programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (d). the Universal Immunization Programme, a 100% Centrally sponsored Family Welfare Programme, was started in 1985-86, in a phased manner, by taking 31 districts of the country, out of which two districts (i.e. Kota and Bharatpur) were from Rajasthan By 1989-90 all the districts of the country, including all districts of Rajasthan, have been brought under the Programme. Thus all the districts of Rajasthan are now covered under the Universal Immunization Programme.

Supply of Food to Students in Navodaya Vidyalayas of Kerala

4266. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any complaints relating to the poor standard of food supplied to the students in the Navodaya Vidyalayas in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the remedial action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. The Novodaya Vidyalaya Samiti intimated that some parents had made a request for enhancement of boarding expenses on account of the rise in prices. The Samiti enhanced the mess expenses per student in October, 1991

[*Translation*]

Restoration of Hatia-Varanasi Train

4267. SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hatia-Varanasi train suspended during the Gulf war has not yet been restored;.

(b) whether the Government propose to restore the train; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The train has not been restored.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Due to poor patronisation.

Increase in the Prices of Foodgrains

4268. SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS VERMA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of increase in prices of rice, wheat and other foodgrains so far in comparison to last year's prices;

(b) the reasons thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to check the prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) (a) The percentage variations in indices of wholesale prices of rice, wheat and other foodgrains in the current year compared with that in the last year are given as under:-